(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if no, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) under the Ministry of Commerce has not reported shortage of refrigerated containers hampering export of seafood.

Shortage of facilities for storage of seafoods

2475. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of facilities such as ice and chill rooms for storage of seafoods and also fishing jetties' infrastructure is unhygienic; and

(b) if so, the action taken to create adequate facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) shortage of ice for storage of sea foods exist. There are also maintenance constraints and renovation requirements of fishing harbours. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries, for augmentation of storage facilities, under its plan schemes, provides financial assistance for setting up of cold storages for non horticulture produce including fish/seafood @25% of project cost in general areas and @ 33.33% of project cost in difficult areas, subject to maximum of Rs. 75.00 lakhs. Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) under Ministry of Commerce, also provides financial assistance for production of ice, chill rooms, upgradation of cold storage etc. through its financial assistance schemes.

Loss to sea-food industry

2476. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian sea food industry is annually losing Rs. 6000 crores due to poor logistics support;

(b) if so, whether it is proposed to create latest technology infrastructure for sea foods;

(c) if so, the details thereof, and

(d) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) Although the extent of post harvest wastage/losses are largely dependent upon the quality of infrastructure support and sophistication in craft and gear, no estimation of wastage/losses due to poor logistics support is available. The Ministry of Food Processing industries with a view to make available infrastructural facilities to processing units, under its plan schemes, provides financial assistance @ 25% of project cost in general areas and @ 33.33% of project cost in difficult areas, subject to maximum of Rs. 4.00 crore, for provision of common facilities in Food Parks such as power supply, water supply, cold storage, warehousing facilities, effluent treatment plant, food testing analytical laboratories, common processing facilities etc. The Ministry also provides financial assistance for setting up of cold storages for non-horticulture produce including fish/seafood @ 25% of project cost in general areas and @ 33.33% of project cost in difficult areas, subject to maximum of Rs. 75.00 lakhs. Assistance is also available under schemes operated by Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Marine Products Export Development Authority etc.

Food parks in Karnataka

2477. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state;

(a) by when the proposed food parks will be established across the State of Karnataka;

(b) whether it is a fact that only 2% of country's agricultural production is diverted for processing; and

(c) whether Government are aware that Karnataka is capable of Rs. 10,000 crores worth of food crops but constantly falling short of this target?